

R E M E M B E R

The Sabbath Day,

To keep it Holy.

HAVE you forgotten who spoke these Words ? Or do you set him at Defiance ? Do you bid him do his worst ? Have a care. You are not a stronger than He. *Let the Potter strive with the Potsherds of the Earth : But woe unto the Man that contendeth with his Maker ! He sitteth on the Circle of the Heavens : And the Inhabitants of the Earth are as Grasshoppers before him !*

Six Days shalt thou do all manner of Work. But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy GOD. It is not thine, but God's Day. He claims it for his own. He always did claim it for his own, even from the Beginning of the World. In six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, and rested the Seventh Day, Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it. He hallowed it ; that is, he made it holy ; He reserved it for his own Service. He appointed, that as long as the Sun or the Moon, the Heavens and the Earth should endure, the Children of Men should spend this Day in the Worship of Him, who gave them Life and Breath and all Things.

Shall a Man then rob God ? And art Thou the Man ? Consider, Think what thou art doing. Is it not God, who giveth thee all that thou hast ? Every Day thou livest, is it not his Gift ? And wilt thou give him none ? Nay wilt thou deny him what is his own already ? He will not, he cannot quit his Claim. This Day is God's. It was so from the Beginning. It will be so to the End of the World. This he cannot give unto another. *O render unto GOD the Things that*

that are GOD's : Now, to-day while it is called to-day.

For whose Sake does God lay claim to this Duty ? For his Sake, or for thine ? Doubtless, not for his own. He needeth not thee, nor any Child of Man. *Look unto the Heavens and see, and behold the Clouds which are higher than thou. If thou sinnest, what dost thou against him ? If thy Transgressions be multiplied, what dost thou unto him : If thou art righteous, what givest thou him : Or what receiveth he of thine Hand ?* For thy own Sake therefore God thy Maker doth this. For thy own Sake he calleth thee to serve him. For thy own Sake he demands a Part of thy Time to be restored to him that gave thee all. Acknowledge his Love. Learn, whilst thou art on Earth, to praise the King of Heaven. Spend this Day as thou hopest to spend that Day which never shall have an End.

The Lord not only *hallowed* the Sabbath Day, but he hath also *blest* it. So that you are an Enemy to yourself. You throw away your own Blessing, if you neglect to *keep this Day holy*. It is a Day of *special Grace*. The King of Heaven now sits upon his Mercy seat, in a more gracious Manner than on other Days, to bestow Blessings on those who observe it. If you love your own Soul, can you then forbear laying hold on so happy an Opportunity ? Awake, arise. Let GOD give you his Blessing ! Receive a Token of his Love ! Cry to him that thou mayest find the Riches of his Grace and Mercy in Christ Jesus ! You do not know how few more of these *Days of Salvation* you may have. And how dreadful would it be, to be called hence in the Abuse of his proffered Mercy ?

O what Mercy hath GOD prepared for you, if you do not trample it under Foot ! *What Mercy hath he prepared for them that fear him, even before the Sons of Men !* A Peace which the World cannot give : Joy that no Man taketh from you : Rest from Doubt and Fear

thee even as thou wilt? What if he give thee thy Wish, and let thee drop into everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels?

I had rather thou shouldst go to the Paradise of God. Hadst not thou? Is not Heaven better than Hell? Art thou not convinced of this in thy own Conscience? Why then, amend thy Prayer. Cry to God, "Save my Soul, for I have sinned against thee: Save me from all my Sins. Save me from all my evil Words and evil Works; from my evil Tempers and evil Desires! Make me holy, as thou art holy! Let me know thee, and love thee, and serve thee, now and for ever!"

And is not God willing to do this? Surely he is. For God loveth thee. He gave his only Son, that thou mightest not perish, but have everlasting Life. Christ died for thee. And he that believeth on him, hath everlasting Life. Mark that Word. He hath it. He hath it now. He hath the Beginning of Heaven even upon Earth. For his Soul is filled with the Love of God: And the Love of God is Heaven. He that truly believes on Jesus Christ, hath a Peace which Earth cannot give. His Mind is always calm; he hath learned in every State therewith to be content. He is always easy, quiet, well-pleased; always happy, in Life and in Death. For a Believer is not afraid

afraid to die ; he desires to be dissolved, and to be with Christ. He desires to quit this House of Clay, and to be carried of Angels into *Abraham's* Bosom ; To hear the Voice of the Archangel, and the Trump of God, and to see the Son of Man coming in the Clouds of Heaven : To stand at his Right-Hand, and hear that Word (which I earnestly beg of God, you and I may hear):
 “ Come ye Blessed, receive the Kingdom
 “ prepared for you from the Beginning
 “ of the World ! ”

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